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BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION

On June 25, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection. Each Supervisor is to appoint two members to the Commission.

David Sanders, Ph.D. is currently the Executive Vice President of Systems Improvement for the Casey Family Programs, the nation's largest operating foundation dedicated solely to providing and improving, and ultimately preventing the need for foster care. Dr. Sanders served as head of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) from 2003 to 2006.

He provides strategic direction over the foundation's work with child welfare systems to improve practice, with an emphasis on safely reducing the number of children in foster care. Dr. Sanders is a graduate of Princeton University and has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Minnesota. He is the recipient of the 2008 Grace B. Flandreau Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency,

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recognizing his significant contributions to juvenile justice and child welfare. In 2007, he was honored by the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrations with the Peter W. Forsythe Award for Leadership in Public Child Welfare. Additionally, in 2005 he received the Princeton Club of Southern California's Service to the Community Award. In 2003, he received the Congressional Angels in Adoption Award.

Dr. Sanders is a nationally recognized child welfare leader. In 2006, Dr. Sanders was appointed to the Philadelphia Child Welfare Review Panel, and eventually became its chair. This panel of national child welfare experts was created by executive order of the mayor to conduct a comprehensive review of the Department of Human Services and was recently awarded second place in the 2013 United Nations Public Service Award for "Improving the Delivery of Pubic Services" for the initiative "Improving Outcomes for Children". Dr. Sanders also was vice president of the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators in 2005. Prior to his leadership of Los Angeles County DCFS, Dr. Sanders served for 10 years as the director of the Hennepin County (MN) Children, Family and Adult Services Department.

Early in his career, Dr. Sanders worked in Minneapolis, first as a senior clinical psychologist in the Hennepin County Mental Health Center, and later as chief clinical psychologist.

Marilyn L. Flynn, Ph.D., is the dean of the University of Southern California

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(USC) School of Social Work. Dean Flynn has been at the forefront of innovation in social work for more than 35 years, expanding the reach of the profession to new constituencies, disciplines, applications, and domains of practice. She received her Ph.D. and Master of Social Work from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she specialized in social policy and economics, and subsequently served on the faculties of the University of Illinois, the University of Michigan, and Michigan State University – where she was also Director of Social Work and Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. She became Dean and Professor of Social Work at the University of Southern California in 1997.

Dean Flynn is widely regarded as a distinguished leader in graduate social work education, noted especially for her advancement of intervention research. She helped found the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare and was the first President of the St. Louis Group, representing most US schools of social work in major research institutions. At USC, she greatly enlarged the Hamovitch Center for Science in the Human Services and established the nationally respected Flynn Prize for Social Work Research.

She established a ground-breaking program for placement and employment of social workers in non-traditional settings. In addition to her academic career, she has acted as consultant to numerous national and local organizations on strategic planning,

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organizational design, and applications of technology to learning and service delivery. She has been particularly noted for her initiation of new social programs, including the first cooperative program between unions and state government to assist unemployed union workers; the first call-in center for elderly persons in crisis in Illinois; the first national demonstration of computer-based employment assistance for unemployed older workers; and initiation of the largest public-private sector collaboration on behalf of vulnerable children in Michigan. She currently serves as president of the National Network of Social Work Managers and of the Los Angeles Center for Nonprofit Management. She also is a member of the board of the Crenshaw Educational Partnership, and a member of the faculty in the Leadership Academy of the National Association of Deans and Directors of Social Work, which is sponsored by the New York Academy of Medicine.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Appoint Dr. David Sanders and Dr. Marilyn L. Flynn to serve as the representatives of the Second Supervisorial District on the newly created Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection.

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